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## Gov. Daugaard proclaims May 8-12 Teacher Appreciation Week

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard has proclaimed May 8-12 <u>Teacher Appreciation Week</u> in South Dakota.

"We all have an experience with a favorite teacher – someone who made a difference in our lives. For me, that was my high school biology teacher. We remain in contact, and to this day, I turn to him for professional advice," said Secretary of Education Dr. Melody Schopp. "Whether you are a student, a parent, a grandparent, or an aunt or uncle, I encourage you to reach out to a teacher this week and thank them for their commitment to the teaching profession and the children of South Dakota."

The Department of Education will be using the hashtag #ThankATeacher on social media throughout the week. Members of the public are invited to share a message of thanks for the teachers impacting students across the state and the country.

**Editor's Note:** Please consider contacting your local school(s) for potential stories about Teacher Appreciation Week celebrations in your community.